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CIP and Environmental Issues

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✈ **Objectives**

➢ **Briefly discuss possible environmental actions.**

➢ **Review environmental timeframes as they relate to CIP development.**

➢ **Provide information on where to find environmental guidance and resources.**

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FAA Environmental Actions/Determinations

✈ **Categorical Exclusion (CE)**

✈ **Environmental Assessment (EA)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)**

✈ **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Record Of Decision (ROD)**

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CEs

+ **Listed in Chapter 3 of 1050.1E**

+ **Some require documentation**

  ➢ **Minor expansions in previously undisturbed areas**

  ➢ **Possible air quality or noise issues**

+ **Many do not require documentation**

  ➢ **Maintenance/rehab of existing facilities**

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EAs/FONSIs

→ **Chapter 4 of 1050.1E**

- Not a CE type action.

- Normally a CE type action, but extraordinary circumstances apply (wetlands, cultural resources, air quality, noise, etc…).

- Not an EIS type action.

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EISs/RODs

+ **Chapter 5 of 1050.1E**

+ **Major Federal actions with significant environmental impacts**

+ **Typical Airport EISs**

  ➢ **New commercial service airport.**

  ➢ **New air carrier runway.**

  ➢ **Major runway extension with significant impacts.**

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CIP Action Plan Guidelines

+ **Does your CIP truly reflect your intentions/needs?**

+ **What environmental action is likely; CE, EA, or EIS?**

+ **Are your forecasted operations within 10% of the TAF?**

+ **Is the FAA in agreement with your project's justification? (A good purpose and need statement is crucial to the environmental document.)**

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Typical Environmental Timeframes

+ **CE: Recommend beginning in the year prior to the proposed project. (1-60 days)**

+ **EA/FONSI: Recommend beginning 1-2 years prior to the proposed project. (6-18 months)**

+ **EIS/ROD: Recommend beginning 3 years prior to the proposed project. (2-3 years)**

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Environmental Resources & Guidance

→ **FAA Order 1050.1E**

"*Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts*"

→ **FAA Order 5050.4A**

"*Airport Environmental Handbook*" (to be updated in Dec. 04)

→ **ADO Program Manager and /or ADO Environmental Specialist**

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FAA Websites

✈ **Office of Environment and Energy**

http://www.aee.faa.gov/aee-200/Environment.htm

✈ **Airports**

http://www.faa.gov/arp/index.cfm

✈ **Airports Environmental Program**

http://www.faa.gov/arp/environmental/

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Always Remember

PRIOR PLANNING PREVENTS POOR PERFORMANCE!